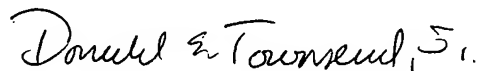


**REMARKS**

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Berman for discussing this application, and the above-mentioned Action, with me on December 5, 2005. Pursuant to that discussion, attached hereto is a replacement RCE (in replacement of the RCE filed October 26, 2005, herein), in which entrance of the Amendment After Final filed September 26, 2005, is requested. In view of the Examiner's statements during the discussion mentioned above, it is believed that the filing of the accompanying RCE is sufficiently responsive. However, to verify, we hereby respectfully request entrance and consideration of the Amendment After Final filed September 26, 2005, herein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. If there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Response, as well as the accompanying RCE, in Docket No. M&M-048-USA-PCT, Serial No. 10/019,433, filed December 31, 2001 was deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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